amount of all fees paid up to that time shall be repaid by the Small Cause Court to the parties by whom the same have been respectively paid". Again under section 13 of the Madras City Civil Court Act, VII of 1892, 'whenever any suit or proceeding in the city Civil Court is settled by agreement of the parties before issues have been settled or any evidence recorded half the amount of the institution fees paid by the plaintiff shall be repaid to him by the court.

(2) Government do not find sufficient justification for introducing similar provisions here.

Water works plant—Chowwara—particulars regarding.

311. **Mr. K. S. Manickam** *(Irinjalakkuda).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total pumping capacity of the water works plant at Chowwara;

(2) the average output in gallons per day of the above plant referred to in (1);

(3) the number of gallons of water consumed by the Ernakulam Municipality per day;

(4) the number of gallons of water consumed by the Mattancheri Municipality per day;

(5) the number of gallons of water consumed by the Chellanam scheme per day;

(6) the cost of maintaining the barges used in taking water to Mattancheri and Chellanam;

(7) the cost of maintaining the Chowwara plant;

(8) the capital outlay on the Chowwara plant;

(9) the cost of pumping and distributing one gallon of water incurred by the Government;

(10) the rate at which water is sold to the Municipality of Ernakulam for consumption within the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(1) About 33,000 gallons per hour.

(2) About 8 lakhs of gallons per day.

(3) The average daily consumption for April 1936 in Ernakulam was 3,04,160 gallons.

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(4) The average consumption at Mattancheri per day during April 1936 was 1,04,696 gallons.

(5) The average quantity of water pumped to Chellanam per day during April 1936 was 15,089 gallons.

(6) The cost of maintenance of the barges and tugs comes to nearly Rs. 21,300 per annum including the wages of the staff.

(7) The cost of maintenance of the Chowwara plant comes to nearly Rs. 24,500 per annum including the wages of the staff.

(8) The capital outlay on the Chowwara machinery will be roughly Rs. 7,41,996.

(9) The cost of 1,000 gallons of water pumped from the Head Works comes to Re. 0—3—3.

(10) The rate at which Municipality pays is Re. 0—4—0 per 1,000 gallons.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*)—May I know, Sir, whether the question of the permanent pipe line to Mattancherri has been taken in hand now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—We are taking action to place an order for the pipes.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*).—Within how many months can we hope to get the pipe line installed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The date of delivery promised by the firm in a letter which I received today is about 20 weeks.

Mr. P. J. Alexander (*Palliviruthy*).—Have the Government any intention of extending the pipe line to Chellanam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—We are extending the line to about 2 or 3 miles more to southern limit of Mattancherri.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—How much per gallon do you charge the Mattancherri Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The same rate as the Ernakulam Municipality.

Mr. P. J. Alexander (*Palliviruthy*).—Will anything be done by Government to extend it to Chellanam?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Every effort will be made.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—May I know who is meeting the cost of maintenance of the Chowwara water works? Are these local bodies contributing anything towards the working of the plant?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—There is no contribution from any institution. But we are selling the water to the Municipalities at the rate of 4 as. per 1,000 gallon.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—The answer to subdivision (9) is that the cost of 1000 gallons pumped from the works comes to 0-3-3. The cost at which the municipality gets it is 4 annas. Will this difference of 9 pies be sufficient to meet the expenses of working the pumping plant?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—I have already explained that the Municipalities of Ernakulam and Mattancherri pay to Government towards the cost of supply at the rate of 4 annas per thousand gallons. That amount will go to reimburse the expenses incurred by Government for the supply of water, to these Municipalities.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Will that be sufficient?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—You make a profit out of the contribution from the Ernakulam Municipality and you incur a loss with regard to Mattancherri is it not so?

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancherri South).*—If the pipe line is extended will the Government make a loss there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—No, that is the reason why the pipe line is going to be extended 2 or 3 miles more to the southern limit.

Mr. P. C. Varkey *(Ernakulam North).*—Are the Government getting any profit from the sale of water to steamers?

Mr. President.—That is only a temporary arrangement until the Harbour Authorities make their own arrangements.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—May I know the total contribution from the Ernakulam Municipality on account of water supplied to them last year?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—I want notice.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South).*—May I know how many years have passed since the Mattancherri people are paying a water tax without an actual supply of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—A number of years I think.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Does the cost of maintenance of the Chowwara Water Works given here include depreciation of machinery also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Public offices—Irinjalakkuda—particulars regarding.

312. Mr. K. S. Manickam (*Irinjalakkuda).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. the number of public offices situated in Irinjalakkuda which are held in rented buildings;

2. the amount of rent, which the Government have to pay per annum towards such buildings referred to above;

3. the average cost of land per cent near about the 'Public Offices', Irinjalakkuda;

4. the approximate cost, that might be required for acquiring site and constructing buildings to house the various offices that are now held in rented buildings;

5. whether any difficulty is experienced by the public on account of the fact that the various public offices are scattered throughout the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

1. Eight.

2. Rs. 1,044.

3. Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per cent.

4. The cost will depend upon the extent of land to be acquired and the nature of buildings to be constructed for each office.

5. No complaint has so far been brought to the notice of Government.

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